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In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, Applicants
disclose the following information:

1. U.S. Patent No. 5,112,900, inventors Buddenhagen et al., issued May 12, 1992;
2. U.S. Patent No. 3,597,372, inventor Cook, issued August 3, 1971;
3. PCT Publication No. WO 86/04659, published August 14, 1986;
4. PCT Publication No. WO 93/06795, published April 15, 1993;
5. Japanese Kokai Publication No. 60-259602, published December 21, 1985
(accompanied by English translation);
6. Japanese Kokai Publication No. 4-170950, published June 18, 1992
(accompanied by English translation);
7. Japanese Kokai Publication No. 2-16031, published January 19, 1990
(accompanied by English translation);

8. Japanese Kokoku Publication No. 48-26941, published August 17, 1973 (accompanied by English translation);
9. Japanese Kokai Publication No. 51-67380, published June 10, 1976 (accompanied by English translation);
10. Japanese Kokai Publication No. 3-49767, published March 4, 1991 (accompanied by English translation);
11. Japanese Kokai Publication No. 3-18377, published January 25, 1991 (accompanied by English translation);
12. Japanese Utility Model Kokai Publication No. 64-46050, published March 22, 1989 (accompanied by English translation);
13. Japanese Utility Model Kokai Publication No. 63-106414, published July 9, 1988 (accompanied by English translation);
14. Japanese Kokai Publication No. 47-10494, published May 26, 1972 (accompanied by English translation);
15. Japanese Kokai Publication No. 50-146649, published November 25, 1975 (accompanied by English translation);
16. Japanese Kokai Publication No. 48-14800, published February 24, 1973 (accompanied by English translation).

Copies of the foregoing documents are provided with this paper and are listed on the enclosed PTO Form FB-A820. Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the enclosed documents and evidence that consideration by making appropriate notations on the enclosed form.

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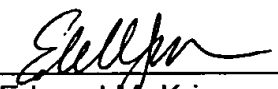
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